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LETTER DATED 22 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that the United States Air Force is continuing to violate Iraqi airspace. The violations have been as follows:

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1. On 19/20 October 1991, the United States Air Force continued its violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 22 sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one flown by a four-aircraft formation at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,000 metres. The flights centred on Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall'afar, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

2. At 1050 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Firnas airfield at 400 kilometres per hour at an altitude of 100 metres.

3. At 1040, 1255 and 1620 hours on the same day, formations of F-16 and Mirage F-1 aircraft overflew Faruq airfield at high speeds and at low altitudes.

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1. The United States Air Force again violated Iraqi airspace on 20/21 October 1991 for purposes of surveillance and provocation with 24 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 1,000 to 6,000 metres.

2. The flights centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Arbil, Rawanduz, Tall'afar and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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